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Highland Dancing by Miss CLARE and by  
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Hongkong, March 25, 1908.

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THE FIRST MEETING of the Season  
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SATURDAY, 4th April, 1908, commencing  
at 3 p.m.  
The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00  
for others than Members of the Hongkong  
Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-  
Price.  
The Committee invite the Ladies of  
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**RODINALD F. C. MASTER,**  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD in  
our Firm in Hongkong and China ceased  
on 31st March, 1908.  
Mr JOHN WATTE O'OPER BON-  
NAR was admitted a PARTNER in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China on this date.  
Mr CHARLES GORDON STEWART  
MACKIE is authorized to sign our Firm  
per Procuration in Hongkong and China  
from this date.  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.**  
Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
JAMES ORANGE in our Firm  
ceased this day.  
**LEIGH & ORANGE.**  
Hongkong, March 31, 1908.

## NOTICE.

MR ALBERT EDWIN GRIFFIN  
ASSOC. M. INST. C.E. is from  
May 1st, 1908, admitted a PARTNER in  
our Firm, which will continue to carry on  
the business of CIVIL ENGINEERS,  
ARCHITECTS and SURVEYORS as  
heretofore, under the style of LEIGH &  
ORANGE.  
**LEIGH & ORANGE.**  
Hongkong, March 31, 1908.

## NOTICE.

WE have To-day MOVED our Office  
from Queen's Road to No. 3  
HOTEL MANSIONS, FIRST FLOOR.  
**CONNELL BROS. CO.**  
Hongkong, March 31, 1908.

## NOTICE.

IF PERCY BRENTNALL, one time  
resident at PRINCE LORAN, 5, Bonham  
Road, Hongkong, or his wife or child, will  
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23, Edlington Terrace, Newcastle on Tyne,  
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**P. FORSTER NICHOLSON.**  
Hongkong, March 28, 1908.

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THE BEST on the MARKET.  
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Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

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Regular Shipments Contracted  
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Instructions.  
**CHINA EXPRESS.**  
3 Duddell Street.  
Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1907.

## Business Notices.

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A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURISTS' HOTEL.  
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Because this new burner is guaranteed to be satisfactory in  
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Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

## ORGAN RECITAL

IN  
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
on  
TUESDAY, April 7th, at 5.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY MORING. (Paraphrase) Wagner.  
ANDANTE CON MOTO. Schubert.  
THE STORM. Liszt.  
Vocalist: Rev. J. BEATTY, R.N.

The Passion Music from the Messiah will  
be sung in the Cathedral on WEDNES-  
DAY, April 15th, at 8.30, and on FRIDAY,  
the 17th (GOOD FRIDAY) at 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong, March 30, 1908.

## S.S. 'HOI MING'

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Leaves Macao at 2 p.m.

SPECIAL EXCURSION ON SUNDAYS

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Hongkong, March 20, 1908.

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THE most interesting and picturesque  
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Hongkong, October 26, 1907.

## REMOVAL NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Office to  
HOTEL MANSIONS, 3rd Floor.  
SPERRY FLOUR COMPANY.

Hongkong, March 28, 1908.

## WANTED.

ASSISTANTS AND APPRENTICES for  
the Millinery.

Apply  
**M. GAINS,**  
HOTEL MANSIONS.

Hongkong, March 28, 1908.

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Orders will be punctually attended to at  
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Hongkong, March 23, 1908.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1908.

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Hongkong, September 3, 1907.

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Hongkong, September 28, 1907.

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Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1908.

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Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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**Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,**

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15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, March 4, 1908.



## Intimations.

to the MANAGER. Cheques  
at Office Orders in favour of MANA.  
Bangkok Times."







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Monthly Rates, Single, \$100 & \$110.  
Two in a Room, \$20 extra.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1907. 1754

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Saturday, April 4, 1908.

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Prices of Admission: \$2 & \$1.  
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Hongkong, March 31, 1908. 1754

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Hongkong, February 10, 1908. 122

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INSURANCE COMPANY.**

TOTAL FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907,  
£17,887,119.

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000  
Paid-up Capital £2,687,500

—Fire Funds £3,388,720  
—Life & Annuity Funds £1,718,408

Revenue Fire Branch £1,718,408  
Life & Annuity Branches £1,718,408

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**DEATHS.**  
On Monday, Feb. 23, at Minsterley,  
Shropshire, John, widow of late W.  
On Monday, Jan. 1, at Vancouver, Mrs. W.  
H. Wood, mother of Mrs. C. C. A. Wain,  
of Shanghai.

**MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.**  
**Miscellaneous.**  
3 p.m.—First Meeting of Hongkong  
Gymkhana Club at Happy Valley.  
**Amusements.**  
9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City  
Hall.

**General Memoranda.**  
MONDAY, April 6—  
Goods per *Armand Bekte* unclaimed after  
this date at Noon will be subject to  
rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, April 7—  
6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's  
Cathedral.

THURSDAY, April 9—  
Transfer Books of Union Insurance So-  
ciety of Canton, Ltd., close from this  
date to 23rd April, inclusive.  
Transfer Books of China Traders' Insur-  
ance Co., Ltd., close from this date to  
23rd April, inclusive.

Goods per *Devanhi* not cleared at 4  
p.m. on this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Revalder* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 10—  
Goods per *Armand Bekte* undelivered  
after noon this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 11—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at No. 4, Victoria View,  
Kowloon.

MONDAY, April 13—  
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's  
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

WEDNESDAY, April 15—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Motor Launch *Mar-  
quette*, at Ah King's Slipway.

THURSDAY, April 23—  
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-  
ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'  
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

**NOTICE.**  
Letters relating to business should be addressed  
to THE MANAGER.  
Communications relating to news should be  
addressed to THE EDITOR.  
Correspondents must forward their names  
and addresses with any communications ad-  
dressed to the Editor, not for publication  
as evidence of good faith.  
All letters for publication should be written  
on one side of the paper only.  
No anonymously signed communications that  
have already appeared in other papers will be  
inserted.  
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should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after  
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3 p.m.  
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**The China Mail**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908.

**"BAD SYMPTOMS IN CHINA'S  
AWAKENING."**

Under this heading an American ex-  
change comments on a topic which has  
become increasingly popular of late—the  
"awakening of China." We learn  
that the Chinese are certainly entering  
upon the path of progress but are mani-  
festing a spirit of narrowness and revolt  
which threatens to imperil the sound-  
ness and permanence of their renais-  
sance. While we agree that it is  
regrettable that the "awakening of  
China" should be accompanied  
by revolt against established authority  
and manifestations which prove that  
the Chinese have a very imperfect  
comprehension of what they are striv-  
ing for we cannot agree that the  
change which is coming over the coun-  
try will not be permanent. That is to  
say using the word permanent in its  
broad sense. Nothing in this world  
can be actually permanent. Science  
teaches us that life is change and a  
nation while it lives must therefore  
alter. But we take it that our con-  
temporary suggests that the national  
development of China will be obstructed  
by her ignorance and impelled by  
her lack of dignified qualities. But  
while progress may be impeded by  
ignorance the journey becomes  
easier the greater the distance that is  
covered. A nation struggling towards  
freedom may be likened to a child  
learning to walk. Of necessity know-  
ledge must be bought with pain. This

child only becomes proficient by learn-  
ing from its failures; the bumps and  
bruises which it sustains cause it to  
reflect upon its mistakes and to profit  
by its experience. But daily the task  
becomes easier—the child soon achieves  
the power of walking and wonders that  
it ever deemed it difficult. We prefer  
ourselves, if it is necessary to use  
imagery to explain the position of  
China, to consider her rather as a child  
beginning to realise its powers than  
as a sleeper awakening from slumber.  
To awaken presupposes, not only sleep  
but having been awake before the  
slumber was entered upon. In  
actual fact China has never yet been  
politically awake. One period of her  
history was signalled by great military  
successes but the political condition of  
the people showed no change for the  
better. The great body of the people  
never shared either in the glories or the  
sorrows of their country. Her glories  
found them indifferent and her sorrows  
left them unmoved. Consequently we  
think that the metaphor "awakening  
from sleep" can be improved upon,  
although it is undoubtedly useful on  
occasion. It is undue optimism to sup-  
pose that China is to find her feet with-  
out preliminary stumbles. Much of the  
agitation which has been going on in  
China for the past few years is greatly to  
be deprecated. But mistakes have been  
made by other nations without sustain-  
ing lasting injury. Experience corrects  
error. Before this generation passes  
China will have learnt that it is unwise  
to steer by the compass of clamour. She  
will have chosen men for her leaders  
who are conspicuous for their virtue and  
singular for their sagacity rather than  
those whose eminence is derived from  
blatancy. At the present moment the  
publicist who is intemperate in his  
counsels attracts to him the majority;  
who are too ignorant to discern the  
essential difference between foolish  
flatulency and patriotic fervour. The  
true Chinese patriot knows that the  
parrot cries which tickle the ears of the  
populace are empty sound and fury signi-  
fying nothing. He knows that the salva-  
tion of a country depends upon its hear-  
kening to the dictates of wisdom. There-  
fore we have little fear for China's future.  
The pursuit of perfection, be it moral or  
political, is a long and a venturesome one  
but China has engaged herself in that  
pursuit and, although most of us may  
not live to witness it, she will in time be  
treading closely upon the heels of those  
who are to-day in the van of the world's  
progress.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The bugle which sounded the charge  
for the Heavy Brigade at Basela (not  
the Light Brigade) was recently sold in  
London for £200.

An officer of the Royal Army Medical  
Corps, according to a service journal, has  
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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Ellis Baker, of Inverness-terrace,  
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estate in the United Kingdom worth  
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The late Lord Overton bequeathed  
£21,000 to religious and charitable soci-  
eties, including £25,000 to the United Free  
Church, Scotland.

Lieutenant C. H. Gay, R.G.A., has  
taken over the duties of A.D.C. to His  
Excellency the Governor of the Straits  
Settlements, in succession to Captain Stan-  
borough, R.G.A., who proceeds to India.

Mrs Rylands, the well-known benefac-  
tress of Manchester, has left altogether  
£3,448,692 to various charities, including  
£5,000 for the furtherance of Baptist  
Zionism work in India. The total of the  
death duties paid on the estate is £650,000.

The Emperor Francis Joseph received  
Lan Pu-dong, the newly-appointed Chinese  
Minister to Austria-Hungary, on March 5.  
His Excellency presented his credentials  
and his predecessor's letters of recall. The  
Emperor gave a diplomatic dinner on March  
5 at which the Japanese Ambassador, Mr  
V. Uchida, was present.

A marriage has been arranged, and will  
shortly take place, between Mr R. M.  
Gruinger Stewart, manager of the National  
Bank of Egypt, Cairo, second son of the  
late Sir Thomas Gruinger Stewart, M.D.,  
LL.D., and Muriel Longueville, elder  
daughter of the late Hon. Captain L. A. W.  
Barnes-Lawrence, R.N., Harbour Master  
of Hongkong.

We notice in a home paper that the Rev.  
Mr W. Bridle, well-known as former Chap-  
lain to the Forces in Hongkong, is vigor-  
ously working for the erection of a Soldiers'  
Institute at Tidworth. He recently or-  
ganised a concert which was a great success  
and in other ways is trying to raise money  
for the object he has in view. Mr Bridle  
should endeavour to unearth at Tidworth  
a few men like Mr H. N. Moyle.



## THE AMERICAN FLEET.

## VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 2.  
The American fleet reaches Australia in September and stays ten days at Sydney and ten days at Melbourne.

The fleet has also been invited to other Australian State capitals.

[Commenting on the invitation issued by Australia to the fleet an Australian paper says: The Japanese politely expressed a hope of being able to show Admiral Evans hospitality at their own ports and Mr. Denkin's invitation is a purpose of the subject in the same pleasant vein, and may indeed do good as a contrast to some very regrettable outbursts of "high falutin'" with which a section of the American press signalled the fleet's departure. To treat this persistently as a peace cruise may help to prevent its development into something else. It has not been reassuring lately to hear of American newspapers seizing this moment to air a fresh grievance against Japan as regards the "open door" in Manchuria, to be told that the Japanese are with friendly hosts preparing a strong naval station on the island of Formosa, and that she bodied Japanese are being recruited from California by their Government. There may be little enough in all these rumours, but they tend to trouble the waters. For these reasons, as well as for the pleasure Australians would have in welcoming this great array of battleships belonging to a kindred nation, we are glad that the Prime Minister thought of despatching an invitation in due form. Should the visit take place, it will be a rare spectacle indeed. For these vessels represent almost the full fighting strength of the American navy, and never before has a nation spared such a force to pay pleasure calls many thousands of miles from its base. —E.C.M.]

## FIRE IN A PALACE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 3, 3 p.m.

A telegram has been received here from Peking which states that fire broke out in the Yungkuo Palace, though the damage done was small.

## DISBANDMENT OF THE BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

LONDON, April 1.

At the farewell gatherings of the Volunteers last night, the Last Post was sounded and volleys fired announcing the disbandment of the Volunteers and the birth of the Territorials.

## THE CHARTERED COMPANY'S DEBENTURES ISSUE.

LONDON, April 1.

The debentures of the Chartered Company, mentioned on the 15th March, have been more than subscribed for. This gives the Company a new lease of life.

## BRITISH REVENUE.

LONDON, April 1.

The revenue for 1907/1908 amounts to £156,537,680, compared with £155,036,436 for 1906/1907.

## THE CHINESE IN VANCOUVER.

LONDON, April 1.

The Chinese in Vancouver are forming anti-opium leagues and seek legislation for the suppression of the traffic in opium.

## RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 1.

Washington reports that Russia has made representations on the subject of the attitude of the American Consul in Harbin, who persists in maintaining that he is accredited solely to the Chinese Government. It is understood that the Consul is carrying out a plan of the State Department to obtain the recognition of the integrity of the Chinese possession.

## THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, April 1.

Parliament will adjourn on the 18th instant, to the 27th instant.

## THE CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

LONDON, April 1.

Three hundred Chinese who have arrived at Vancouver have been ordered to be deported.

## WEST DERBYSHIRE BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, April 1.

The Tariff Reformer, Lord Kere, has been selected as the Unionist candidate to replace the Duke of Devonshire.

## THE HILL INCIDENT.

## RESENTMENT IN AMERICA.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 2.

Whoever is responsible for the scandal in connection with the appointment of Dr Hill as American Ambassador to Berlin and the alleged refusal of his acceptance by Germany the affair has caused much resentment in America, particularly the latest seemingly inspired utterance in Berlin that the Kaiser thought that Dr Hill was not rich enough to uphold America's position.

The German press severely condemns the whole conduct of the business.

## SIR JOHN JORDAN.

## HIS VISIT TO CANTON.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 3, 3 p.m.

In addition to the opium and the currency questions Sir John Jordan is dealing with the international water question. It is not considered that the three-mile from land limit as laid down by International Law is sufficient.

The Self-Government Society has held a meeting to consider the question of sending a wire to Peking counselling caution.

## THE BOYCOTT.

## TIENTSIN MERCHANTS JOIN.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

TIENTSIN, April 2.

Three leading Cantonese merchants carrying on business here have burnt all the Japanese tea they had in stock.

All the other merchants have decided not to import any more Japanese goods after the disposal of their old stock.

## Women Join In.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 3.

The women in Canton have formed a female "National-Suicide Association" and ostensibly its object is to promote industrial enterprise among the women. A constitution is being drafted and will later on be circulated.

## SHUN ONCE MORE.

## MAY COME TO CANTON.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 2.

Owing to H. E. Chang Jen Chun making repeated applications for permission to resign it is rumoured that the Central Government intends to re-appoint H. E. Shun Viceroy of the Two Kwang.

## PROPOSED NEW PROVINCE.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 2.

The Cabinet has had under discussion the advisableness of converting Pa-tung (West of Szechuen) into a province, and eventually passed a resolution favouring such a course being taken.

A memorial embodying the resolution has been submitted to the Throne.

## POLICING THE FOREIGN CONCESSION.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 2.

Owing to the Foreign Ministers refusing their consent the Cabinet has dropped the proposal to take over the policing of the Foreign Concessions.

## A MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

## Alleged Furious Driving.

Ferdinand Messo was summoned at the Magistrate's this morning before Mr F. A. Hazland, for furiously driving a motor car to the danger of human life on March 29. Mr P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defendant, said that it might be well to hear the evidence first but he intended to raise the point that the proceedings were irregular as there was nothing in the local Ordinances covering a motor car. At home a special act had to be passed. The prosecution could not be taken under the Highway Act either.

Mr A. A. Milroy, Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, said that on March 29th, at 3.50 p.m. on the old Pokfulam Road a motor car rounded the corner near the Asiatic cemetery without giving the slightest warning.

His Worship—Did it come at any speed?—Oh, rather, at about twenty miles an hour.

Witness continued that he was one of a party of five who were riding in rickshas, proceeding towards the Dairy Farm, he being in the hindmost ricksha. Mr G. T. Lloyd was in the first ricksha, Mr Edwards in the second, Mrs G. R. Edwards in the third and Mrs Milroy in the fourth. The motor car did not collide with any of the rickshas but the first ricksha had to alter its course to escape. Witness said that he saw the car in the first ricksha, Mr Edwards in the second, Mrs G. R. Edwards in the third and Mrs Milroy in the fourth. The motor car did not collide with any of the rickshas but the first ricksha had to alter its course to escape. Witness said that he saw the car in the first ricksha, Mr Edwards in the second, Mrs G. R. Edwards in the third and Mrs Milroy in the fourth. The motor car did not collide with any of the rickshas but the first ricksha had to alter its course to escape.

Mr G. T. Lloyd said he was travelling in the front ricksha and near the corner the dog was on his right. All at once the middle of the ricksha was hit by the car. It was a few yards from the corner and the car came round a sharp corner and was down upon them before they realised where they were.

Did you hear any warning?—No, absolutely none; nothing was sounded, I am positive of that at least, I did not hear it. Did the car come towards you at a high speed?—A fairly good speed coming down hill.

Can you estimate the speed?—No, it was very fast on a narrow road. At such a corner the speed was absolutely too much. Did the car touch the dog?—No, it did not. It was a few yards from the dog where they were. Both the rickshas had to get out of their course, otherwise a collision would have been inevitable. The collision pulled his ricksha towards the side.

Did the car pass you at full speed or did it pull up?—It pulled up in about three yards.

Did you see the motor car run over the dog?—Yes. It knocked the dog down and rolled it over.

Cross-examined—At the time the car ran over the dog the speed diminished?—No, it could not because the distance would not permit it.

Having regard to the fact that the dog was undamaged do you say it was going at a great speed?—I do not say a fast rate, I say a good rate.

What do you call a good rate?—Well, considering the narrowness of the road and the sharp bend I should say it went at a good speed.

Do you know anything of the nature of an impact of a motor car?—No.

Did you hear any brakes applied?—Oh, yes, I heard them at once.

You admit the car was stopped at once?—He stopped and pulled up in front of the first ricksha.

Mr Goldring asked the Magistrate if he needed to call any witnesses for the defence.

His Worship intimated he had better hear them, and Mr F. Messo was called. He had driven a motor car for the last four years without accident, although Hongkong was a very difficult place in which to drive. On the day in question he had his car parked under a tree at the corner at about eight miles per hour because it was dangerous for himself to go at a greater speed.

On turning the corner he saw five rickshas and three dogs blocking the road. The dogs were right in front of his car but they then ran into the bush and one remained in his track. Witness stopped the motor by putting on both brakes.

He would have stopped the car in less than its own length had it not been for the fact that that portion of the road was down hill and the surface was sandy causing his wheels to skid. As it was he stopped in less than four lengths. When he heard voices speaking to him he would not hear distinctly and he thought they were complaining about running over their dogs so he told them that if they did not look after their dogs he could not help it.

In answer to the Magistrate he said that he blew the siren on this occasion and in fact blew it three times. He did not know of the road. He noticed that dogs usually got out of the way of approaching motor cars.

Mr C. Zancovitch said he was with Mr Messo in the car on the day in question and remembered that the siren was blown before the car rounded the corner. In fact the siren was blown three times.

On rounding the corner he saw the dog in front of the car, felt the car suddenly stop, change direction a little and then he saw the dog jump out from behind. The car was being driven at about seven or eight miles.

Asked by the Magistrate if he could give the time witness replied that in passing the Jewish Synagogue a few minutes later they saw the bride enter the church. If they knew the time fixed for the wedding the Court could fix the time of this occurrence (laughter).

Mr A. G. Brown said he was driving with Mr Messo in a motor car which was following Mr Messo about two minutes later. His attention was called to the tracks of the preceding car and he noted that it had stopped at the corner. He prepared a rough diagram showing the course taken by the preceding car. If it had been going at full speed at that point it would have struck the wall. He had ridden with Mr Messo about forty or fifty times and knew that that gentleman always blew the horn when travelling along that bit of twisted road near the force.

His Worship asked for some enlightening as to the speed of the car going round the corner. The question was whether there was any danger or not.

Mr Goldring submitted that on the evidence of the prosecution there was no evidence that the motor had been driven to the danger of life. The motor was entitled to a part of the highway. He asked His Worship to look at Mr Messo's record; he had not damaged a single thing.

His Worship dismissed the summons.

## GUN RUNNING.

## Smuggling from Macao.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 3.

A proclamation of some importance has been issued by the Viceroy regarding arms smuggling. It is as follows:—

"It is hereby notified that immediately after the conclusion of the Tatsu Maru II case the Commissioner of Customs at Lappa, seized a large quantity of ammunition being smuggled from Macao into the interior of Kwangtung. The ammunition has been confiscated. Two robbers infested many parts of the Two Kwang and are a great danger to merchants and others. They rely for their power upon arms and ammunition smuggled from the seaboard, and the only way to suppress the robbers is to stop arms smuggling."

"China has made an agreement with Great Britain to renew the Ammunition Prohibition Agreement and all steam boats or sailing vessels, belonging to either Chinese or Europeans should observe the terms of this agreement. Ships or vessels found bringing arms or ammunition to China without proper authorisation will be confiscated together with their cargoes."

The Viceroy concluded by announcing that he wished to see the commercial business of all nations protected.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AN APPEAL.

(To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.)

THE LATE MR W. J. MORRIS.

SIR,—The sudden death of Mr W. J. Morris under circumstances already known has unfortunately left a widow and three children totally unprotected. There are two boys of 14 and 12 years of age and a girl of 10.

The boys were at the Victoria School and have been compulsorily withdrawn. They are anxious and ready to offer themselves for billets as copying clerks in a business firm, and to avail themselves of instruction in evening classes—in this way to keep themselves and possibly help their sister and mother. They have neither aptitude nor inclination to be apprenticed as engineers.

Their ambition is however impracticable. Evening classes close shortly, and they would not profit by any instruction during the last few weeks of a closing session, and I seriously doubt whether any local firm would employ them now, as they have no knowledge of shorthand, typewriting, or rudimentary bookkeeping. Even if (out of sympathy in the immediate present) some generous employer were to find them humble employment at forty or fifty dollars a month, I fear that their lot will be much harder six months hence if they should fail to obtain promotion because of inability.

Both boys are intelligent and capable, their conduct is irreproachable, and being fully and sensibly aware of their present serious position, it appears imperative to provide means to give them a fair start for a business career.

Under these circumstances I venture to suggest that a fund should be raised to afford a Maintenance Allowance sufficient (1) to keep both boys at school for a few months longer, to provide them with a typewriter and private tuition in typewriting, shorthand, commercial arithmetic and bookkeeping, and (2) to provide temporary financial assistance to the sister and mother till the boys are employed.

The mother is a widow, and not without good reasons for her acting in the way in which she has acted, and able to keep themselves in preference to taking them home, to seek out a precarious existence.

My I express the hope that this appeal will be immediately responded to. The fund will be placed in the hands of responsible trustees. Cash subscriptions and cheques payable to "Hobbs Maintenance Fund" may be sent to the undersigned and will be duly acknowledged.

W. B. WILLIAMS.

Headmaster, Victoria British School, April 2nd, 1908.

## SHIPPING.

## Football.

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.  
The Hongkong Football Club will play H. M. S. King Alfred to-morrow at 5 p.m. at the Club ground. The team is as follows:—Goal, F. H. Kow; Backs, H. L. O. Garrett and J. H. Hughes; Halves, L. J. Wishart, J. Hill (Capt.) and A. Gregory; Forwards, O. Eager, M. A. David, McE. Weston, R. R. Turner and J. H. Mead.

Guests are to announce that it would greatly assist in keeping order among the spectators to kindly keep behind the ropes during the game.

## Wrestling.

A wrestling match, the last of three falls, in the catch-as-catch-can style, for £20 a-side, was decided at the Alhambra on February 29, between Mr. Yamato (Japan) and H. Islinger (Austria). The building a few weeks back, when in the second series, victory rested with the Austrian. The Japanese scored 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The first fall went to Islinger in 19 min. 35 sec., but Yamato made matters even by swinging his man down in five style by a body hold in 20 min. 20 sec. It then transpired that the Austrian had put out his right shoulder, and being unable to continue, Yamato was declared the winner.

## CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

SOME physicians claimed that chronic diarrhoea cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. There are incurable cases, but none so bad that they cannot be helped by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. And, even temporary relief means much to one so sore afflicted. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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## HOME FOR THE POOR.

The following donations to the Italian Convent, Wanchai Branch (St. Francis Street) have been received by the Rev. Mother Superior:—

Mr A. H. Rennie ... \$50.00  
A Friend ... 50.00  
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Mr John Lennan ... 10.00  
A Friend ... 5.00

## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 25.

The Liverpool Chamber of Shipping held another big conference the other day and among the matters before the meeting was the Chinese Emigration Ordinance operating at Hongkong. As the matter is still in the correspondence stage with Lord Elgin the meeting was able to do no more than to express regret that the Executive of the Hongkong Government had not been permitted to amend the Ordinance so that British vessels should not be placed at a disadvantage in respect to the carrying of Chinese coolies to work in Panama, or elsewhere.

An old friend of Lord Roberts tells me that the veteran Field Marshal is utilising his spare time in the collection of materials for another volume of reminiscences. It is to be, I hear, a sort of companion volume to "Forty One Years in India," and it will touch upon his command in Ireland, the South African war and his last advisory period at the War Office. Lord Roberts has always found literary work attractive and his project should lead to the production of an interesting volume.

Lord Curzon too is one of the active poets. He has been anxious for a long time to re-visit Persia, and the debates on the situation there as connected with the Anglo-Russian agreement—which he has criticised severely—have whetted his appetite for the trip. Accordingly, he plans to go to Tehran in the summer should nothing unexpected arise to prevent it, and to stay there and other places in Persia for about two months. He is anxious to study the situation as it now exists so that he can come back primed with information as to the right line to take in the interests of Great Britain. He is now much better in health than for several years.

The Christian Union for the severance of the connection of the British Empire with the opium traffic have issued a circular in which an allusion is made to the debate in the House of Commons last May on the subject. The circular contends that while Mr Morley expressed sympathy and the Chinese government has taken a remarkable step for the suppression of the opium habit, the export of opium has only fallen from 53,685 chests in 1905-7 to 48,000 in the following year, and the area under poppy cultivation has actually risen from 553,607 acres in the former period to 562,500 last year. These facts they intend to raise in the House as soon as a favourable opportunity presents itself, and Mr T. P. Taylor, M. P. and Mr Robert Laidlaw, M. P., are expected to take part in the debate, fortified by their observations in the Far East.

France, however, is much more concerned with the opium traffic than we are, for it has seized her right in her heart, and the fact has been brought forcibly home to the public consciousness by the trial of Lieutenant Ulemo for treachery and espionage, resulting in the sale of secret documents, at Toulon. The unhappy wretch cried as he was condemned to life sentence in a fortress, "Women and opium! Women and opium! They have been my curse." He is only twenty-six, and had a promising future, but when the extravagance of his mistress ran through all his money he took to opium and finally to espionage. His case is not alone. It is known in France that there are scores of officers who have served in Tonquin who have contracted the opium habit, may more, that some have gained it while at Toulon, where there are several places where dens are conducted with more or less impunity. And several officers who are more wealthy have private rooms in which they indulge. The result is dreadful to contemplate for there was a serious accident the other day on a naval vessel which is said to have been due to the opium adduced condition of the officers. It is charged at the time. The French Government just how to stamp the habit out, but they are going to try right away.

There is scant comfort here for the trader in Malaysia. Tin is this week a little higher, I know, but I distrust the market under manipulation. And now rubber has slumped in price, though the share values are fairly well maintained. The panic in America and the closing down of factories, together with the increased supply, has thrown on the market a large amount of crude rubber that was never anticipated, and the rubber market at Antwerp is accordingly depressed. Prices are not a third of what they were a short three years ago, and there is no immediate prospect of a betterment, in view of the depression and the consequent curtailment of luxuries, such as motor cars.

A valuable book of travel is announced by Mr Murray, under the title of "From Peking to Sikkim." Count de Lésigny set out from Peking and travelled through the Gobi desert, and thence by the province of Kansu, across the high mountainous district into the valley of the Yangtze, and so to Tibet.

## COMMERCIAL.

The dollar to-day stands at 1/10.

In the accounts of the State Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., published in this column yesterday a sign was used instead of a £ mark in the sum set aside for reserves. It should have read £28,000.

Among the passengers coming to the East by the steamer Chingtu from Australia is Mr J. Oswald Forsyth, who is returning to Siberia to complete the erection of meat works in Harbin, and to erect a cold storage plant in Vladivostok for Messrs Ellinger Bros. and Kosmoff Bros., who recently purchased the steamer Adelaide. The importation of Australian meat into Siberia is practically finished, there now being sufficient cattle in Manchuria, Mongolia, and Korea to supply above the present need of the Russian Army in Siberia. The loss of this trade will considerably affect Australian importers. Last year's shipments were despatched from Australian ports, while this year the shipments will not exceed two.

Pineapple cultivation is one of the best established industries in Cebu. The annual crop varies from 600,000 to over 1,000,000 crates and is steadily increasing.

When last mail left England the following report was issued regarding China tea: The low quotations now ruling for fine grades of Congou have led to a few more contracts in London and Hongkong from 7d. to 1s. 1d. per lb. The market for common kinds must be quoted weaker, with only a limited business doing at 5d. and 6d. per lb. Foochow teas continue difficult to move, and Soochow show no recovery. At auction this week the bidding was unenthusiastic, the quantity offered being withdrawn to be dealt with by private treaty. At this week's auctions 2,103 packages were offered for sale.

The "Malay Mail" states that the mercantile community in Kuala Lumpur complains of the difficulty to obtain clerks. For this scarcity of really capable men, there are apparently two main reasons. In the first place, the pressing needs of the various Government departments have made it necessary for them to offer high initial salaries to boys fresh from school, who, with this inducement, before they enter their education is only, properly speaking, commencing. The second reason is, perhaps, to be found in the action of several large employers of clerical labour in the district, who have felt compelled to engage clerks from the Colony, where the supply and demand are more evenly balanced. Such action cannot be blamed, in view of the pressing needs of the offices concerned, but as a policy it is surely short-sighted.

## LADIES' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## Second Day.

The shooting in connection with the Ladies' Rifle Association was continued to-day. Following are the results:—

RADDOCK CHALLENGE CUP, 25th STAGE, 50 YARDS.

	50 YDS.	75 YDS.	TOTAL.
Mrs L. G. Bird	23	23	46
Mrs M. L. Lorraine	32	26	58
Mrs Keswick	30	28	58
Mrs Seth	30	25	55
Mrs Clothier	28	25	53
Mrs H. Oper	27	20	47
Mrs Thompson	25	27	52
Mrs Siebs	25	26	51
Mrs Sutherland	25	21	46
Mrs P. Seth	23	22	45
Mrs Horsnell	22	22	44
Mrs David	21	19	40
Mrs Chapman	20	23	43
Mrs Macdonald	18	17	35
Mrs Lammie	23	22	45

50 YARDS HANDICAP.

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Mrs Thompson	...	...	...	33
Miss Seth	...	...	...	30
Miss Loureiro	...	...	...	29
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Miss Siebs	...	...	...	25
Miss Hooper	...	...	...	25
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DELHI.....8000	April 4	MOLDAVIA.....10000	May 2	May 9
MALTA.....8000	April 18	HIMALAYA.....7000	May 16	May 23
DEVAHA.....8000	May 2	MONSIEUR.....10000	May 30	June 6
COCHIN.....8000	May 16	INDIA.....8000	June 14	June 21
DELTA.....8000	May 30	VICTORIA.....8000	June 28	July 5
DELHI.....8000	June 13	BRITANNIA.....8000	July 12	July 19
ACADIA.....7000	June 27	MOULAN.....10000	July 26	Aug. 2
MALTA.....8000	July 11	CHINA.....8000	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
DEVAHA.....8000	July 25	MOLDAVIA.....10000	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
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SUMATRA.....5000	June 1	July 17
NAMUR.....5000	June 15	Aug. 1
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Kobe and YOKOHAMA..... Capt. J. Handermann.

MANILA, NEWGUINEA, PRINZ WALDEMAR, THURSDAY, 23rd April, at 5 p.m.  
SAMARAI, BRISBANE, Capt. W. v. Soden.  
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.....

YOKOHAMA AND KOBE..... PRINZ WALDEMAR, About FRIDAY, 3rd April.  
Capt. W. von Soden.

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Hongkong, April 2, 1908. 518

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

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it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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unclaimed after MONDAY, the 6th April,

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1908. 493

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

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THE Company's Steamship *Narman*

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Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby

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from alongside.

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will be landed at Consignees' risk and

expenses.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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General Managers.

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## THE CAMERA FIEND.

Some Good Advice.

What a lot of trouble, says an Indian contemporary, the camera has got its devotees into at one time or another. Apart from the indignant protests of the victims of amateur "portraits," or the not less reasonable objections of celebrities to involuntary posing, there's the general difficulty of a discreet choice of subject. It is inadvisable, for instance, for the amateur photographer to be seen prowling about in the neighbourhood of jealousy guarded fortifications, or to be found invading privacy. It is still less advisable for him to compel unwilling subjects to submit themselves to his purposes. Some European gentlemen, occupied in snapshotting "matters of interest in Burma," shooting this last course, with unpleasant results. They saw a group of ladies in the picturesque garb of the country, and were desirous to add the pretty picture to their collection. But they forgot the feelings of the ladies, and when one of the would-be photographs so far forgot himself as to touch one of them in order to induce her to pose correctly there was prompt and justifiable resentment, and the bystanders, but for the lady's friends, would have handled the offender roughly. It is inconceivable that the tourist had any real intention to be offensive; his bad manners may be put down to over-zeal in pursuit of his hobby. But the lesson ought not to be lost.

## WHAT SHE OBJECTED TO.

A young and simple servant received an invitation to a Christmas party. Having obtained permission to go from her mistress, she set out. Her mistress, on going into the kitchen at hour later, discovered her sitting disconsolately by the fire. Why, Mary, she said, how is it you are back so soon? Well, m'am, she replied, I had only been in the room five minutes, and had nothing to eat but a bun and a glass of lemonade, when a young man came up and asked if my programme was full, and I wasn't going to stand that so I left!

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